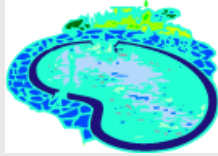


Advisory

DRAINING POOLS & SPAS

The Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program recommends that you keep pool, spa and fountain water OUT of storm drains, creeks and the Bay.



Storm drains flow directly into our creeks and the Bay.

DID YOU KNOW...?

- Copper is a pollutant that threatens aquatic life in our creeks and the Bay. It is used as an algicide in pools, spas and fountains and copper pipes are commonly used in pool plumbing.

- Draining pools, spas and fountains to storm drains can pollute creeks with copper, chlorine, sediments and other contaminants.

- Storm drains flow directly into our creeks and the Bay without treatment.

MAINTAINING

- Clean regularly, maintain proper chlorine levels and maintain water filtration and circulation.

- Manage pH and water hardness to minimize copper pipe corrosion that can stain your pool and end up in our creeks and the Bay.

- Minimize algae buildup to prevent the need for toxic algaecides.

- Ask your pool maintenance service for help resolving persistent algae problems without using copper algaecides.

CLEANING

- Never clean a filter in the street, gutter or storm drain

- Rinse cartridge filters onto a dirt area and spade filter residue into the soil.

- Keep backwash discharges out of the street and storm drain. Backwash sand and diatomaceous earth filters onto a dirt area. Dispose of spent filter materials in the trash.

- If you don't have a suitable dirt area, contact your wastewater treatment authority listed below for instructions on discharging to the sanitary sewer.

For more information: Call 1-866-watershed or go to www.WatershedWatch.net

BYRNE PRESERVE – AVAILABLE TO GRAZE HORSES

Byrne Preserve is an open space adjacent to Westwind Community Barn. This preserve is a beautiful and welcome refuge for all of us seeking a moment of solitude in a lovely pastoral setting. Byrne Preserve is available to Los Altos Hills residents for grazing a limited number of horses year around. If you own a horse and would like to find out more about the availability of Byrne Preserve, please call Westwind Barn at (650) 941-6113.

Underground Utilities Effort to Move Forward

On May 6th, a special joint study session was held between the Underground Utility Committee and the Town Council. The purpose of this meeting was for the committee to report its findings on the costs, engineering requirements, and public opinion on undergrounding the utility wires town-wide.



The committee used the services of the engineering firm RW Beck to complete the cost and engineering study. Godbe Research provided a town-wide poll to determine if undergrounding was an issue worth placing on a ballot for a vote. The major conclusions from the meeting were that the cost to underground the whole town (64 miles of overhead utilities, including the "drops" that connect lines to each resident's home, and building a new distribution network of upgraded equipment) is approximately \$50M. In addition, the poll results indicate that approximately 44% of the town is in favor of a town-wide undergrounding effort as outlined by the committee, while 49% are against. Higher income residents and those that have lived here less than 15 years were most in favor.

Based on these results, the committee felt it was best to start with a pilot project supplied by 20A funds with the goal to underground a major thoroughfare in town as determined by the Council. (20A funds are available through PG&E for undergrounding utilities.)

The Town Council unanimously approved that the committee go forward and apply the available 20A funds plus the amounts Comcast and SBC will contribute (around \$900K) to underground a small section of the town. As the next step, the group will present the exact funds available for the pilot project, define the selection process to identify which area to underground, and outline the benefits to the town of establishing a dollar-for-dollar undergrounding matching program.

— Committee: Council Member Dean Warshawsky, Chair.
Jim Abraham, Andrew Colman, Peter Evans,
Tony Jurvetson, Duffy Price, Steve Schmidt, Roy Woolsey

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